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GEO. A. LAMMERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [15934

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION: No. 710.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of january, 1900, at 3 P.M.,

are published for general information. By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART.

Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th December, 1899. . [1609a

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Wednesday, the 3rd day of January, 1900, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Jardine's Bazaar, East Point, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN, for one further term of

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The ENTERTAINMENT will be repeated on WEDNESDAY, the 10th January. AD-MISSION \$2, to Dress Circle. \$1, to Pit, Soldiers, Sailors, Police and Volunteers in

Uniform Half-price. Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899.

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(he Hongkong Celegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1899.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

DANGEROUS NUISANCES.

There are many instances of laxness on the part of our officials which, though apparently of an insignificant nature themselves, are bound to lead sooner or later to a catastrophe and result in a popular outery and much talk as to the utter disregard paid to the safeguarding of the public in the Colony of Hongkong. We do not mean to say that those reponsible for the safety of the public willingly wink at abuses which endanger those whose servants they are, but, so long as matters go smoothly and nobody comes to grief, no steps are taken to remove an existing danger. The Authorities are always content to wait until the horse has been stolen before it ever occurs to them that it might be advisable to close the stable door.

THE STONE-BREAKING NUISANCE.

One of the principal dangers to which the public of Hongkong are exposed is that to be apprehended from the chips of granite flying from beneath the hammers of stone breakers or masons employed on the roadside. These men ply their calling wherever a new building is in course of erection and, as often as not, are allowed to do their work on the sidewalk without let or hindrance, The result is that sharp chips and splinters of granite fly about on all sides and the passer by is obliged to "run" the "gauntlet of a small fusilade of chips, any one of which may have the power of raining the sight of an eye for life. Of course it is seldom that such an accident happens, but the danger is there nevertheless, and it is the duty of the Authorities to see that it is removed. But it is, we presume, useless to to hope that any move will be made in the matter. We shall have to wait until such time as an Official Member of Council has had his eye knocked out by a splinter, then, perhaps, stone-chipping on the roadside will be prohibited.

In the present transitionary stage of Hongkong, when the business portion of the town is being shifted bodily to the Reclamation, one cannot expect the new roads to be in first-rate order, but still, as the roads have been opened and are of necessity made use of daily, the Authorities might at least make an effort to render them as safe as possible. Take the new portion of Pedder Street stretching from the Hongkong-Hotel to the sea front. Where it joins the new Praya there is a sudden drop of several inches and we have seen rickshas capsized there, to good and quite cheap. The refuse comes from the discomfort and danger of the occupants. All that is required is a few baskets of earth | in that quarter. Iron, too, is scarce at that port, dumped on the spot and the danger would and prices for certain sixes and dimensions of

fifty per cent of those coming from Pedder's as occurring in the Colon during the week Wharf use this thoroughfare. In many ended 23rd December from cases o instances, too, the manhole covers of the plague and one of mill-pox, all of which provdrains and the hydrant covers project above the new roads and form veritable stumbling blocks after dark. A very little forethought and energy would remedy this.

MAT SALLEH.

MAT SALLEH's return to the warpathwas. only to be expected and was, indeed predicted by those of the British North Borneo Company's officers who from their long residence amongst the natives in far away outstations, had learned to thoroughly appreciate the native character. Gentlemen of MAT SALERH'S pergunsion and race do not understand the policy of mercy. The grim old law of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth is the only one that appeals to them and, in all probability, the Bornean rebel did not look upon the pardon magnanimously granted by Mr. Cowie as an evidence of the desire of the British North Horneo Company to live at peace with its native subjects, but as a direct proof of weakness and fear. At the time it suited the book of MAT SALLEH to submit and hand in his allegiance, but he and his friends would have had much more respect for the government of the Company had they insisted upon his scaffold. True, he might not then have met Mr. Cowie, with honeyed words, but a little perseverance upon the part of the Company would have assuredly ended in his capture and would have been considerably cheaper in the end. Company must learn to trust more to the opinions of some of the smart young officers (several of whom we could name) who have studied the native character thoroughly and would be by far the best advisors for the heads of the Company. One year in the jungle is worth ten in an office, so far as a true knowledge of the natives, their ways and ideas is concerned.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

Natal.

LONDON, December 26th. News from Ladysmith, dated 20th instan

says that General Buller's reverse at 'the Tugela was received by the garrison with equanimity. Everyone is confident that the relief is only postponed for a short time and that the town can hold out indefinitely.

News from Chievely, dated 20th instant, states that Lyddite guns bombarded the Boer positions at Colenso for some hours on the morning of the 20th. The enemy did not The British force is eager for battle

Modder River. The situation at Modder River is un

changed. General Methuen is well entrenched and the enemy is not molesting him.

Cape Colony.

Capt. Dalgety with 150 police has or

General.

Gatacre's command. Dysentry is somewhat | Java. prevalent especially at Modder River. General Joubert has returned to the front after LATER.

Cape Colony.

Evidence is daily accumulating of wide spread sedition at Cape Colony which implicates three members of the Cape Parliament

Natal. -

A War Office despatch from Maritzburg, 24th instant, states that Col. Fawcett of the 5th Lancers has been severely wounded, Major King, Captains Wathen and Oakes and Adjutant Hulse slightly wounded also 9 men killed and ten wounded. The despatch gives no details of any engagement but the list shows that the casualties amongst the men are chiefly from the Gloucesters.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:---On the 28th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has fallen slightly in S. China and over the Philippines. Pressure remains high over N. China, with moderate gradients and strong monsoon on the coast and in the N. part of the China Sea. FORECAST:-Fresh N.E. winds; fair.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. Redpole left Shanghai on Friday last

THE N. C. D. News says that H. E. Li Hungchang will hasten down to his new post at Canton in order to enter on his duties before the scals are put away for the new year.

THE Balavia Nieuwsblad hears that the Government intends, in a few months more, to do away with the "Schuttery" or forced militia service in Java. Those liable to service will have to pay a tax. The money thus coming in will be spent in raising the strength of the

AT Sourabaya, there is a great scarcity of coal fuse is coming into favour as being equally the oil works of the Dordt Petroleum, Company be averted, but no, our Authorities prefer to that metal have risen considerably.

allow the man-trap to remain although fully THE return of communicable disses reported

FROM publishers, Messrs. Kelley & Walsh, Ltd-fve have received "The China Coasters Mde Book, and Nautical Pocket Manual for 1000" This most compact little work contains a host of information useful to the China Conster as to tides, port regulations, signals, etc., and may be looked upon in the light of miniature "China Coast Directory."-

THE Annual Meeting of the St. Peter's Seamens Church and Mission will be held in the Kowloon Institute, on Friday evening, December 29th, when an account of the work of the year will be presented. The chair will be taken by the The Right Reverend the Bishop of Victoria at 7.30. Address will be delivered by the Bishop, the Rev. Francis Flynn, R. N and others.

THE s.s. Wuchow returned to Hongkong yesterday with no less than fifteen European passengers who had been spending their Christmas holidays on the West River. We hear that the steamer companies have now altered their sailings to allow of the whole of undergoing penal servitude for life, or expiat- the river being negotiated in daylight, that is ing the slaying of Mr. Jones upon the to say the scenery passed at night on the up trip is passed in daylight on the down. Nobody should miss the chance of seeing this magnificent waterway with its endless string of

DR STEUB, the Director of the Botanical Gardens at Buitenzorg, has travelled throughout Java on an important official mission. He had to choose out suitable spots on which to start experimental farms to show the natives how to till the soil to the best advantage. The plants which the natives usually cultivate will be grown scientifically for their instruction af these farms. The Government meets all the expense. In short the Government proposes to teach the cultivating class how to make the most of the ground under crop.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Samarang Locomo. tief complains of Dutch commercial enterprise flagging in the Moluccas. He has no hopes whatever of matters improving. He instances the firm of Tieleman and Dros, whose wares command ready sale there: Dutchmen were proud of this firm from its preserved provisions finding a market abroad, especially at Singapore. The firm has now passed wholly into British hands, and its business will-be conducted with British capital. No capital for such a profitable venture could be found in Holland.

PROFESSOR Koch intends to proceed to New 'Guinea and Australia on mosquito-research upon finishing his in Java. The Locomotic says that the Professor's investigations have so far proved disappointing there. He had in that island hardly met with any case of the malignant malaria with high temperature, unconsciousness of the brain, and typhoid symptoms which came under notice in Egypt and in some districts of Italy, especially in the months from July to October. But the mosquito theory of fever-which, in his opinion, comes to making out that certain sorts of to ask. mosquitoes convey malaria parasites to human Pink eye has appeared among the Boer | beings. The two kinds of these dangerous horses and also among the horses in General mosquitoes found in Italy are also found in

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE - COUNCIL.

This afternoon a meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber at the Government Offices, there being present His Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry Blake, G.C.M.G.), the Hon. I. H. Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary), the Hon. H. E. Pollock (Acting Attorney-General), the Hon, R. Murray Rumsey (Harbour Master), the Hon: F. H. May, C.M.G. Captain Superintendent of Police), the Hon. A. . Thomson (Colonial Treasurer), the Hon. C. P. Chater, the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, the Hon. E. R. Belilios, C.M.G., the Hon. J. J. Keswick the Hon. Wei A Yuk, Mr. R. F. Johnston (Acting Clerk of Councils.)

The Clerk of Councils read the minutes of the The Hon. Colonel Secretary proposed the

adoption of Finance Committee Report (No. The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the

proposition was carried. The Hon. Acting Attorney-General in proposing the second reading of the Bill entitled The Piers Ordinance, 1899, said that the Bill had been much commented upon and

a compromise had been arrived at. The Hon/Colonial Secretary seconded, and said that the matter had been referred to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, who had replied that he was not willing to abandon the extra rents to be received but that each case would be considered on its merits.

Company had been exempted from the action of this Bill and he believed that when the other wharves were brought under His Excellency's notice they would also be exempted. The hon, gentleman characterised the Bill as being most unjust, giving figures to that effect. He pointed out that wharves to acknowledge with thanks the following were of great public service as regards the Donations to the Fund for the extension of the landing of foodstuffs and that the opium fanner | Hospital :paid money into the Public Treasury for the right of search on these wharves.

The Hon, Acting Attorney General said that Mr. Arnold, Secretary of the Company of which the hon, gentleman was Chairman, who had been on the Committee for the consideration of the Bill had not objected to the rents to be charged for the piers as extra onerous. He proposed that the Bill be read a second time. The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded .-

The Council then went into Committee and the Bill was read, clause by clause. The Hon. E. R. Belilios proposed that the which has become so dear that petroleum re- schedule of charges should be reduced by one

The Hon. Director of Public Works pointed out that the owners of wharves had got a very

pofitable investment The Harbour Master pointed out the advantages enjoyed by the Hongkong Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company

The Hon. E. R. Belilios said he was very

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR. surprised when he heard that Mr. Arnold had "SAILORS AND SOLDIERS PAMILIES YUND."

The Undersigned begs to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following subscriptions to the above Fund.

T. JACKSON, Hon. Treasurer. Further subscriptions will be thankfully

G. Stewart further subscription...... 150 Harry D. Jones Foochow subscriptions !--

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The Bill was then read a third time and Rentzsch The Acting Attorney General then proposed the third reading of the Bill entitled 'An Ordi-M. W. Greig nance to Amend the Dangerous Goods Ordi-W. H. Wallace I. L. Underwood M. Holdt G. Balloch warming and and their "A friend" The Acting Attorney General proposed the W. Thorn (supplementary) third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance

C. A. McCallun Brockett & Co. E. T. C. Wetner Bill J.R. Lawe entitled 'An Ordinance to amend and con-G.H. Black age and possession of Arms and Ammuni: J. W. Odell tion, as, owing to the absence of some of G. L. Greig

their members from the Colony, they had not been able to give the Bill the discussion which it deserved. They asked that the consideration of the Bill be postponed for a fortnight.... The Acting Attorney-General raised no objection and said he had, at the request of the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, for-

warded to, that body papers relating to the The further consideration of the Bill was postponed for a fortnight. The Council then adjourned to this day fort-

HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAN WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

been on the Committee for the bill.

Amendment put and negatived.

various amendments.

"The Hon, C. P. Chater said that the matter

had been under consideration for the last twelve

months and that the schedule now under

argument was the outcome of a Committee in

which Mr. Spencer held office. He was therefore

unable to support the hon, gentleman in his

H.E. the Governor, before reading the

The remaining clauses were passed by

dispatches he had received on this Bill, said

did not think think the pier owners need be a

all alarmed, as no Government would ever

think of removing an expensive pier without

The Hon. Act. Attorney General proposed

and the Hon. 'Colonial Secretary seconded

that the Bill be read a third time. -- Persed.

the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the

Companies Ordinance, 1877, which was read

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

The Colonial Secretary seconded .- Passed

letter from the Chamber of Commorce asking

The Colonial Secretary said he had received

clause by clause and passed.

before the Registrar-General:

for a further postponement of

nance, 1873.

The Council then went into committee on

The fifteenth general meeting of the shareholders in the Hongkong High Level Trainways Co., Ltd., was held to-day at the Company's Offices. Mr. Hart Buck presided. Al-Macgowan The other gentlemen present were : Messis, C. D. MacHaine Ewens, J. Orange and C. W. Dickson (Consul-, P. J.: Maclagan ting Committee); J. Jupp, A.-H. Mancell, G. J.L. L. Mackenzie Stewart, and W. C. Taylor (Secretary).

The Chairman said-Gentlemen, with your A. Bryson. permission I will follow the usual custom and E. B. Howell take the report and statement of accounts as Victor Lanning read. I am pleased to be able to congratulate. H. Frewin. you on a successful year's working, our traffic | Skye Pang' receipts showing an increase over last year of S. J. Grainger more than S11,000. To arrive at this result M. Finlayson naturally our working expenses have also been | S. Bwan Amy account Salaries and Wages shows an increase T.M. O'Sullivan of \$1,618.05, and that of Maintenance and Re- John M. Daziel augmented service, which has necessarily led to James A. Tipp..... am pleased to say, however, that our present L. A. Pearne. rope is wearing much better, and as the makers Wm. C. D'Harty..... with confidence to our future ropes lasting. Ko Pang Boon........ much better. Before moving adoption of the Voi Peng Yean Capit. Daigety with 150 police has occupied Nordrecht. The Boers are retreating. out by research in Java. That theory, in short, answer any questions shareholders may wish Hau Yuan Yuan That theory, in short, answer any questions shareholders may wish Hau Yuan Yuan That theory, in short, answer any questions shareholders may wish Hau Yuan Yuan That theory, in short, answer any questions shareholders may wish Hau Yuan Yuan That theory, in short, answer any questions shareholders may wish Hau Yuan That theory is the main thing—he thinks to be fully borne report and accounts I shall be very pleased to Low Ah Choor Language.

There being no questions, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and ac-

Mr. G. Stewart seconded. The Chairman proposed that Messrs, C. Ewens, J. Orange and C. W. Dickson be re-

elected to the Consulting Committee. Mr. Mancell seconded. Carried. Mr. Ewens proposed the re-election

Messrs. Fullerton Henderson and W. H. Potts

Mr. Jupp seconded. The Chairman-That is all the business of the meeting, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready to morrow morning. Thank you for your attendance.

PIRACIES IN CANTON WATERS.

In the neighbourhood of Canton piracy still appears to be rampant, as the following cases, cited by the Tsun Wan Vat Po, will show :-On the 22nd ulto, a paddle-junk was pirated on a voyage from Loong Kong to Canton, the pirates leaving her after robbing the passengers.

Only a few days, ago the Man On junk was pirated near the mouth of the Kan Sak river, her cargo of silk, valued at about \$10,000 being looted. Assistance was obtained from a silk factory near by and three pirates were killed and three arrested, but the rest, with the booly

On the 26th instant the Kill Tsung junk was pirated near the Chin Tong river; amount of On the 25th, a Nam Yap junk, while on her

way to Canton was boarded; by pirates but the crew, who discovered their presence, confined them below and, with the help of another junk, beat off a gang of pirates who attacked them The Hon. E. R. Belilios, in opposing the in a sampan. The passengers were then search Bill, said that the Kowloon Wharf and Godown | ed for arms and the pirates discovered and handed over to the nearest Mandarin.

TUNG-WA HOSPITAL.

The Directors of the Tung-wa Hospital beg Already subscribed - \$72,070 Tai Cheung50

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CANTON NOTES.

[From the Tsun Wan Yat Po.]

ADVICE GRATIS ENDS IN MURDER. A man named Fung, who in his younger days had emigrated and made his fortune, had, on his return to his native land, built a big house at Kau Kong, a village close to the town of Loong Kong, and was frequently visited by his friends and relations. Some gamblers crected a Bak Kap Bue shop (white pigeon lottery -so called on account of pigeons being formerly employed to distribute the lottery cards) in Loong Cong, but did business among the inhabitants of Knu Kong. Fung's relatives

often contrived to waylay, these gamblers and:

steal their money from them. On the 19th instant two of Fung's relations hid themselves by the way-side and, while waiting for the gamblers to pass, were seen by a villager, named Tang, who was working in his fields. Tang swent up to them and said "In doing this you are simply disgracing the village, both of you are well built men, and cau: do many things instead of this which is not lawful." The two men got up, wery much ashamed of being discovered in hiding, but one, with more assurance than the other, replied by quoting the old proverb "Families ought tosweep the show nway from their own doors. but leave the snow on their neighbours' roofs. alone "and asked Tung why he wanted to interfere, as the business on which they were

engaged did not in any way concern him. These words led to a noisy dispute, during which one of the men drew a knife and stabbed Tang. Tang called out "Save life"; and fell dead. The two mon then ran away, leaving the body where it had fallen. A shepherd, passing that way, discovered the body and reported the matter to Tang's clan, who on making enquiries found out that the murderers were relations of Fung. That night they put Tang's body in a sack and placed it inside the house of Fung's daughter-in-law, taking away with them all her Jewellery and best clothes. A maid servant went and told Fung, who on arrival at his daughter's house was seized and carried away by the Tangs. Fung's familythen sent a petition to the village Council and to the Manuarin of the Nam Hoi District in Canton. An officer is now investigating the

BIAMESE WOMEN

The following story is told by the Malay. Mail in explanation why the women of Siam wear short hair -About 200 years ago the Burmese Alicit life-long enemics, were besieging their capital city, The fortunes of war were going builty for the Siamese, when the women, cutting off their hajr, donned male attire and made such a brave show on the ramparts that the lashion to this day. The explanation that was current in Bangkok twenty years ago, and a their horr short to distinguish themselves from the Aspains of the capital who gloried in their flowing treases. But whatever its origin the capital state of the capital who gloried in their flowing treases. But whatever its origin the capital state of the capital who gloried in their flowing treases. But whatever its origin the capital who gloried in their flowing treases.

From Dutch Sources The THE HAGUE, December 10th.

A telegram from Pretoria confirms the report that the English have succeeded in capturing a Boer position and their artillery near Lombard's Kopic.

The Dutch and German Red Cross ambulance parties have arrived at Pretoria and were received with great enthusiasm. 2,000 English attacked the Boer position at Stormberg, but had to retreat without effecting

The English Press does not deny Gatacre's defeat. This will encourage the Boers and the Africanders in Cape Colony. The English were 3,000 strong, and 12 guns and 4 maxims.

Their total loss is unknown as yet. . In the Modder River fight, Cronje kept his position, and made to English prisoners of war. At Stormberg 682 prisoners were taken, A small party of English troops made a

night sortie from Ladysmith, and destroyed a Boer gun. On returning however they lost 60 General White has many men down with

A strong brigade took up a position 5 miles

south of Colenso. After the defeat at Stormberg, General Gatacre's division retreated in disorder, but assembled later on at Sterkstroom. General Leibuen has failed to capture

Langerlontein.

THE HAGUE, December 13th. In the engagement with Gatacre's force, the Boers had six guns and they took three guns. On Monday, Lord Methuen's force attacked the Boer entrenchments near Magersfontein. The artillery of the Boers was apparently silenced at one time, but the Boers suddenly crease is \$2,671,448. opened a heavy rifle fire upon their assailants and beat them off. Lord Methuen reports that this action was a general engagement, which lasted from dawn to dusk; and that the fight-

tank forty-one prisoners. In the action at Stormberg with Gatacre, the Boers lost four killed and nine wounded. Gatacre has left Molteno," and has retreated

ing line extended over six miles. The Boers

On Tuesday, a part of the garrison of Lady- nearly \$2,970,000, Smith sallied out, and destroyed a Boer howitser. on Surprise Hill, but were beaten back by the Boers with heavy loss. | General White reports that, within Ladysmith, there were thirty patients suffering from dysentery, and that the state of health of his troops leaves much to be desired. Boers from Ladysmith are advancingupon Weenen to cut General Buller's communications south of Frere.

December 14th. Lord Methuen reports that he has retired to a safe position on the Modder River: There is great agitation in London. It is feared that his retreat will prove fatal to the garrison of Kimberley. The British newspapers are of opinion that Loyd Methuen's retreat has prevented the envelopment and total destruction of his force, but that this means the sacrifice of Kimberley,

WAR NOTES.

AN INDIAN CRITICISM.

LAHORE, November 29th. In an article headed "Nemesis" the Military correspondent of the Civil and Military Gazette aleges, from private information, that the unreadiness for war in South Africa was due to the firm belief, shared by General Buller, that the Boers would never fight, and that the despatch of the Indian contingent would avert war. It severely criticises the supersession of General Symons by General White, who was a failure as Commander-in-Chief in India, and as Quartermaster-General at Home. The writer has also laid his hand on the staff.

Private letters now to hand, which left Ladysmith just before the investment, point to the state of the staff organisation as being little short of deplorable, and it is openly stated that the loss of the Irish Fusiliers and the Gloucesters is entirely, due to the inefficiency of the

Colonel Hamilton's true position was Assistant Adjutant-General and Chief of the Staff to General White, and an officer holding such a position sacrificed the interests of the Service by abandoning his true duties.

Private advices from Ladystnith confirm this opinion, and Nemeris is apparent both at Elandslaagte and in the unfortunate sortic from

WRINKLES FOR THE WAR. Before the Cavalry Regiments which were 'sent from' India left this country, they were presented with a few very useful little wrinkles" by General Locke Elliott, the Inspector-General of Cavalry in India, One of these was :- " Never trust a Boer alive or dead, for nine times he'll do you if he's the former, and is only shamming when he's the latter." The other was to take a largesupply of wire clippers with each Corps. The soundness of this latter hint is at once apparent, for it is not necessary to point out how quickly cavalry could be put out of action and stopped by wire entanglements, or how, for instance, their progress would be stopped by a long chain of wire fencing round a railway. As to the other bit of advice tendered the horse soldiers concerning the amount of reliance to be placed in a Boer, we have had already some telling examples, ". Kill him first and talk about terms with him afterwards" seems to be a very sensible maxim. - Madras Mail, Dec. 1st.

RETTING ON THE WAR. . One of the most remarkable results that have vet attended the universal interest that is being taken in the war, and in South African and military matters generally, is that a large number of people are making and taking bets on the various points of interest that arise as the campaing proceeds.

Even before hostilities commenced, a wellknown member of a leading West End Military Club laid a large sum, and backed his prediction of the plan of campaign that he thought it probable would be pursued by the Boers; and since then not only his fellow members, but those belonging to other clubs, have followed his example, and if they have a notion as to they back it for all they are worth, and

months is prodigious. serves to.

Working men are betting little on the war, but-clerks, shop assistants, medical students, and, more remarkable still, actors, are said to be joining in the latest variation of the war game with hearty good will, and, if they are losing money, they don't appear to mind it.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS TRADE.

HEAVY INCREASES.

The Straits Settlements returns of imports and exports during the third quarter of 1899. have been published DOLLAR AND STERLING INCREASES.

The figures given show that the imports of merchandise into the Colony in the corresponding quarters of 1808 and 1899 were : 3rd Quarter of 1898, \$62,708,246=£6,074,861, 3rd Quarter of 1899, \$65,889,123=£6,520,279. Increase in dollars, \$3,180,877. Increase in sterling,

The exports of merchandise from the Colony in the quarters under comparison are :-- 3rd Quarter of 1898, \$50,583,682=£4,900,295. Quarter of 1899, \$59,957,160=£5,933,257. crease in dollars, \$9,373,478. Increase in sterling, £1,032,962.

. The whole trade has been converted into sterling at the average (demand) rates for the respective quarters 1/11} for 1898, and 1/114 for 1899, but any comparison in sterling is not strictly applicable to goods which have their origin in silver currency countries.

THE QUARTERS COMPARED.

SINGAPORE.

1898: \$46,864,440 = £4,539,993.\$50,162,161 = £4,963,963. The increase about \$3,300,000. In tin ore alone, the in-Exports.

\$44,010,478=£4,355,202. An increase of over \$6,100,000. Tin accounts for an increase of \$3,911,746.

1898: \$37,884,878 = £3,670,098.

Imports. 1898: \$15,335,798 = £1,485,655.\$15,261,970=£1,510,301. A decrease of about \$70,000. Till however, shows an increase of

PENANG.

1898: \$12,150,027 = £1,177,033. \$15,382,383=£1,522,213. 'An increase of over \$3,200,000. The increase under tin is, however,

MALACCA.

1898: \$508,008=£49,213. 1899:\$464,983= 1898: \$548,777=£53,164. 1899: \$564,299= £55,842. An import decrease of over \$40,000.

An export increase of over \$15,000. MAT SALLEH AGAIN.

The Straits Times of 19th instant says :-There is considerable unrest in the British North Borneo Company's territory, the moving spirit being Mat Salleh, Mr. Cowie's old friend. Despite sensational rumours, however, it is not at all certain that fighting has taken placecertainly it had not taken place up to the 11th inst. Writing on that date from Sandakan, Mr. Cook, the acting British Consular Agent, in a letter which arrived this morning, gave no news of fighting having occurred up to that date. In that case, it is not likely that fighting had occurred. Moreover, the Consular Agent stated that Capt. Harrington, of the Police, was eager to seek out. Mat Salleh, but, that before any active measures were taken, every effort would be made to settle the points in dispute peaceably. It has been stated that Mat Salleh was, prior to the 11th, in the Tambunan country, with a reported armed force of 400 men, and that fighting had commenced between the Tambunans and the Tejohs, but of this the Gonsular Agent makes no mention. We prefer, therefore, to think the statement is not true.

The Sandakan correspondent of the Singabore Free Press says :the Governorship of Labuan and British North Borneo gives general satisfaction. One of his first duties will be to settle with Mat Sallehpeacefully or otherwise; there is no doubt the latter gentleman is on the "War Path" again, and a force of men have already left Labuan, whilst bearer takes another force, together with some guns, from here to-day. This promises to be the final bout with this gentleman; at least it is to be hoped so. Several District Officers are understood to be in a state of

THE KAISER'S SHOOTING.

The German Emperor did well with his gunwhen in England. On one day he rode out in Windsor Park, and afterwards joined a shooting party which visited the coverts of the Great Park. To the Emperor's gun there fell 178 pheasants and 328 rabbits. On another occasion the Emperor shot in the coverts attached to Cumberland Lodge, and bagged 69 pheasants and 390 rabbits with his own gun.

THE BRIGANTINE "ETHEL."

A telegram from Macassar dated the 11th inst, states that the steamer labara reports having taken 12 shipwrecked sailors of the Ethel from Tenimber Island. The captain his son, and the mate, it is said have been murdered.

The Brazilian Pereira states that 6 of the sailors of the Ethel are from Manila, and that all were arrested by order of the officer of

They are charged with the murder on the 20th of October on the high seas, of Captain Riddell, his son (only 14 years of age), and the mate William Taylor, a Japanese, and a native named Jenz. Also with scuttling their ship .--S. F. Press.

COMMUNICATION AT SEA.

what the next two or three days will bring forth An unusual incident happened on the home- the tropics, though with two serious drawbacks a from Coast Ports, reports :- From Foochow to ward voyage of the Castle liner Carisbrook one is malaria; the other is alchoholism. He Amoy light variable winds, smooth sea, over-But besides the immediate course of events, | Castle from the Cape. The English letters not there are one or two bets that it seems probable | having arrived before the Lismore Castle sailwill not be decided just yet. One of these is ed from Cape Town for home, the captain of the second." The man who wishes to live long and dull weather. Vessels in Amoy:-Kweiyang that Kimberley will fall before the assault of the Carisbrook Castle, which was to sail the in the tropics ought to be an abstainer from and Acama. the enemy, another that the Boers will no win following day, good-naturedly undertook to alcohol, more than two serious battles, and yet a dird deliver the letters to the disappointed passenthat the campaign will be over in six months; yers of the Lismore Castle on the high seas. and in this connection it may be mentioned On overtaking the Lismore Castle the captain that the amount of money laid against estimable | had the letters enclosed in a tin box and solder-Mr. Selous, the famous South African hunter, ed up. This was put into a flour-barrel, with Office at Johannesburg, who had become a that the campaign cannot finish inside eighteen a pole attached flying a red flag, and having Burgher, was placed in a painful position at the passed the Lismore Castle and got well shead | beginning of October. We were all com-Of course, it is not only in the West End of her, the barrel was dropped overboard, the mandeered," he says, "and were told to provide clubs that bets like these are being made. One | captain of the Carisbrook Castle, at the same | ourselves with guns, ammunition, a horse, and or two starting price bookmakers have found time hoisting a signal which had been pre- provisions, and to join the Boer forces on the so many of their clients ready, and even anxious, carranged. The Lismore Castle coming up on Natal frontier. I had always said that I would to do business about the war, that they are ber course in due time picked up the barrel and not fight against my fellow-countrymen," and obliging them by taking bets upon it. As how so the passengers received their anxiously so he and his brother fled from the city, and ever, the bookey is cooler, not only in his waited news from home. They expressed their escaped. But all British Burghers were not so patriotism; but in his head, it is probable that gratitude on their arrival in England by send- fortunate. "One fellow who tried to clear out he will wift and, indeed, from the nature of ling to the commander of the Carisbrook Castle was recognized by some Boers, and was pulled some of the bets made—one of which, for a beautiful illuminated, address, on which was out of the carriage, roughly handcuffed, his legs. instance, is ten to one that the British will win depicted a barrel floating on the high seas | fled and informed that when the train left he all the first, three battles he certainly de bearing a red flag, the barrel being supported twould be shot. Whether the threat, was carried by two pretty sea-maitlens.

HARLES BERESFORD. POWDER. POINTMENT.

vember, that Lord Charles & London, in No-offered and had accepted the word had been Admiral second in command of theintment of nean Squadron. The appointment editerranow officially confirmed. Lord Charlesbeen succeed Rear-Admiral Sir Gerald Noel, His officer whose active diplomacy at Crete was so highly praised by Lord Salisbury. Admiral Noel's action, it will be remembered, led to an effectual settlement of the long-drawn-out disturbances in the island. Lord Charles's selection for the Mediterranean command will be most popular throughout the Navy, and will be welcomed especially by the officers and men of the squadron in question. By a happy coincidence, the senior officer of the squadron is Vice-Admiral Sir John Fisher, an officer who is in complete accord with the captain of the Condor on all professional subects. They are both progressive in their ideas as to naval subjects. This appointment will crown Lord Charles Beresford's naval career, which opened, so far as the outside world is concerned, when twenty-four years ago, he acted as naval aide-de-camp to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his Royal Highness's visit to India. He advanced from the enviable position of an officer of distinction to that of a popular hero when, as captain of the Condor, he so puckily took that little ship into action at the bombardment of Alexandria. After the bombardment he landed. and with a small body of Royal Marines, instituted a police system that was praised on all hands. Thus he won his captaincy, was mentioned in despatches, and gained more honours, official and otherwise, on this one occasion his wife first saw him in them she cried out than fall to the lot of most officers in a lifetime. Lord Charles subsequently served in the Soudan with the Nile Expedition for the relief of General Gordon at Khartoum. Since he became a Rear-Admiral he has sat in the House

DOCTORS' DIFFERENCES.

of Commons as member for York.

In commenting on the conflict of the medical evidence, tendered in the case of Stenhouse 2' the North Boulder G. M. Co., which occupied the Supreme Court of Perth for several days, Mr. Moorhead said that doubt was the mother of science, and he thought she must have a numerous progeny among the medical profession in Perth. In a recent case one set of doctors in that court had said that a man had suffered from a simple fracture of the arm, and that it had united perfectly, whilst another set declared that there had been comminuted fracture, and that the ends of the bone had been overlapped and set in that way. An X ray photograph of the fracture showed the latter theory was correct. Continuing his comments, Mr. Moorhead said: "We lawyers make mistakes, but our mistakes are elevated 6 feet high, and we are assisted by a judge and jury, but the mistakes of the medical profession are buried 6 feet under ground, and no one knows anything of them."

UP IN A BALLOON.

Such reports as have been received from those who were watching for the leonides shower state that the weather disappointed The Rev. J. M. Bacon, Rector of Cold Ash, Berkshire, his daughter, and Mr. Spencer, an aereonaut, had a remarkable experience. The rev. gentleman is a well-known scientist. and he arranged to make astronomical observations from a balloon. The party left Newbury early on the morning of the 16th of Noveriber and after an exciting voyage of ten hours, during part of which time the balloon was said to be uncontrollable, they landed near Neath, in Glamorganshire.

PANAMA.

A correspondent learns that the State of Panama, in the Republic of Colombia, has applied for annexation to the United State : The appointment of Mr. Hugh Clifford to is the state adjoining Costa Rica and on the line of the Panama Canal. It seems already practically to have seconded from Colombia, towards the government of which its inhabitants are exceedingly hostile. The State Department at Washington has ignored even the receipt of this request from Panama.

"ONE AND ALL."

M.A.P. tells the following story of Sir Redvers Buller: On one occasion he was proceeding to Canada with a regiment of soldiers. Off the entrance to the St. Lawrence River, however, the vessel was enveloped in fogs and delayed, so that provisions ran short. On an islet near by was a station for shipwrecked mariners, and Sir Redvers went ashere in a bont to ask for assistance. When he arrived, he found the stores in charge of a weman, to whom he applied for assistance. "No," she said; "the supplies be for they who'm shipwrecked, not for such as yew!"" But this is a Government depote and we are servants of the Grown?" replied Builer Can't help it; yew'm not ship wrecked!" Now Sir Redversthought he recognised the intonation of the woman's last remark, so he at once assumed the Cornish accent, and said: "What! not for dear old One and All; and I a Buller?" "What! be yew from Cronwall, en'a Buller. Take everything there is in the place; yew'm hearty welcome!"

WHERE A LONG LIFE IS PROBABLE.

Dr. Below, who has practised for many years as a physician in Guatemala in Central America, and also in Mexico, counsels Europeans who wish for a long life to settle in the tropics. If we may trust the stories of -longevity in this region, which has contributed to the Tägliche Rundschau, the sun is the best of all doctors. Northerners go towards the South, says he, in their craving for more light and more warmth—that is to say, for more sunshine. They will find what they want in contends, however, that "the former of these | cast and dull weather. From Amoy to port evils is only dangerous for those who play with | strong N.E. monsoon, considerable sea, cloudy

COMMANDEERED. A young Scotsman employed in the Post coul or not, I cannot say, but I fear the worst.

GOOD SHOOTING BUT BAD

The following extract from a private letter received in Calcutta from a member of the Ladysmith garrison, written on the 29th October on the eye of the investment, will be read with general interest .- "The Boers have very good guns, and shoot very well with them, and think everybody on our side was immensely Utprised when they opened fire on us at 4,500 Their ains hell amongst the battery I was near.
we should haition is certainly bad or otherwise smokeless gunpost very heavily. They have their guns are mained by Germans."

OOM PAUL AND HIS NEW PAJAMAS.

HE BROUGHT THEM FROM ENGLAND BUY FOR VERY GOOD REASONS NEVER WORE THEM.

Mrs. Krueger is quite as much of a character. in her way as her distinguished husband, the President of the Transvaal. She has a sturdy will of her own, and it is a saying in her own land that, with any other husband in the world but the one she has, she would rule the household. That does not mean, however, that the Presidential family quarrels. On the contrary, they swing together benutifully. The question of who is "boss" never arises.

Still there are some things where Mrs. Krueger's word is supreme. On returning from his memorable visit to England Oom Paul brought some modern pajamas. When

" What's that?" "Sleeping clothes from England," respondthe President.

Mrs. Krueger grunted contemptuously, and, after a minute of silence, cried out :-"You take those off and come to bed in your

reldtshoen." promptly obeyed.

Mrs. Krueger is merely a quiet old lady who all her life has been immersed in household cares and the upbringing of children, and who, like her husband, does not lay claim to culture and has probably never felt the want of it. She is Mr. Krueger's second wife; his first lived but nine months after marriage. The present Mrs. Krueger is somewhat younger than her husband, who has reached his seventy-fourth hirthday. whom are living, including five daughters. There is now quite a large clan of President Krueger's descendants.

In the small, unpretentious house used as the presidency, domestic habits are very simple. Mr. Krueger and his wife are still very early risers. It is said Oom Paul is never in bed after 5 o'clock. Before 6 divine service is held, the whole household being present and the President conducting. Then the marning coffee is served, frequently on the verandah. -New York Herald.

GEORGE V. WEIGAND DISAPPEARS.

The following, taken from the N. V. World, refers to an old time resident of Shanghai, and doubtless he will be remembered by many :---Port Chester, Nov. 2 .- George V. Weigand.

one of the wealthiest men of East Port Chester and prominent in society, disappeared on Monday. He left a note in which he gave his entire estate, which is large, to a sister in New York. Friends believe he has gone to China, where he was once employed as a pilot by the Chinese | Cargo ex Ilitachi Maru subject to rent. Emperor on a boat that was hunting pirates. Mr. Weigand, who is forty years old, is a son

of the late Philip Weigand, one of the foremost business men of East Port Chester." When Weigand was a boy he ran away and went to sea. He went to China, where he obtained employment as pilot of a cutter used | 3 p.m.—Auction, sale of Inland Lot 1.574

in the war against pirates. While on an expedition Weigand's boat was blown up and most of those aboard perished. Weigand was seriously mangled and the Emperor removed him to his home. After, several months of intense suffering Weigand recovered. He returned to East Port Chester.

His father gave him a share in his large business. Weigand made considerable money. He was a bachelor and prominent in club life. He was noted throughout Fairfield and Westchester Counties for his fine horsemanship. He drove thoroughbreds and won races on local tracks. After the death of his father. George was

made executor of the estate. He drove to Charles H. Benedict's stables in Port Chester on Monday morning and told Benedict that he would send a messenger with a written order for the team later.

When Miss Annie Weigand opened her brother's safe on Tuesday morning she found a note addressed to her in the order book. Weigand wrote that had he gone away and would never return.

"We'will meet in Heaven," the note continued. He wrote that she could take possession of all his property. When Weigand was last seen he was perfectly rational. His accounts are all right. His friends cannot understand his action.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain Bradley, of the steamship Kulsang from Java ports, reports :- Light northerly winds and fine weather.

Captain Hodgins, of the steamship Haimun from Swatow, reports :- Fresh N.E. winds, cloudy and overcast throughout.

Captain Stalkes, of the steamship Kruong sang, from Wuhu, reports:--Wuhu to Hieshans light easterly winds, dull and overcast; Hieshans to Turnabout light variable winds and foggy weather; Turnabout to port fresh N.E. wind and rough sea.

Captain Passmore, of the steamship Thales,

CALENDAR.

DÉCEMBER. Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1898. Thermometer 62.4

YESTERDAY WEATHER REPORT On date at On dute at Barometer...... 30.23 30.13

Chinese-20th of 11th moon of 25th year of Sun-Rises 6hr. 37min. Set 5hr. 20min. High water-Morning 5hr. 18min. Afternoon shr. omin. Low water-Morning ohr. ximin.

Thursday, 28th December, 1899.

Morningtohr. zimin. ANNIVERSARIES. 1851—Great fire in Hongkong: 472 houses destroyed! 1857—Canton bombarded by Allied forces of TAMSUI MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,037, K.

Great Britain and France. 1879-Tay Bridge disaster; 70 lives lost. 1883-Loss of the Havai Yuen with 280 lives.

Friday, 29th December, 1899.

Chinese-27th of rith moon of 25th year of Krvang-sii. Sun-Rises 6hr. 37min. Sets 5hr. 21Min. High water-Morning Ohr. 57min. Afternoon 5hr. 49min. Low water Morning thr. 3min. Morning Ishr, Omin. ANNIVERSARIES.

1170-Murder of Thomas & Becket in Canterbury Cathedral. 1809-W. E. Gladstone born. 1843-Ciwalior, the "Gibraltar of the East" taken by the British. 1848-The Pope Deposed by the Roman

Assembly 1850-2nd Knfiir War commenced. 1854-The Taipings blocked the Canton river and defeated the Imperialist fleet at

1857 -- Magazine Hill, Canton, captured by the British and French forces. 1898-Steamer Glenarion totally lost, 30 miles south of Hongkong, homeward bound.

AGENDA.

TO-DAY. Her husband looked at her a moment and | 9 p.m.—Mme Meranda's Nylophone and Kinematograph Entertainment at St Andrew's Hall.

TO-MORROW.

Cargo ex Massilia subject to rent. 2.45 p.m. - Auction sale of household furniture at No. 9 Queen's Gardens, Peak Rd.,

by Geo. P. Lammert. 4 p.m. - N. Y. K. steamer Futami Maru leaves for Sydney, and Melbourne. She has borne him sixteen children, eleven of A p.m.-N. Y. K. steamer Awa Maru leaves

for Marseilles London and Antwerp. 9 p.m.—Concert at the Bungalow, Kowloon, in aid of the "Missus and Kid's" Fund SATURDAY, 30th.

Noon-The steamship Lightning leaves for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta. N. P. R. steamer City of Dublin leaves for Messrs. H. Aldrige, S. Bloomenthal, and I Victoria and Tacoma Football-Shield Tie-H.K.F.C. v. 25th Goy

S. D. R. A. 4 p.m. Football—Association match Civilians v. Army and Navy in aid of the South Africa Fund.

9 p.m. Mme. Meranda's Xylophone and Kinematograph Entertainment, at St. Andrew's Hall. Cargo ex Bengloe subject to rent.

SUNDAY 315t. California and Oriental Co.s' steamer Carlisle City leaves for San Diego.

MONDAY, 1st. Bank holiday. Athletic sports at Quarry Bay.

TUESDAY, 2nd. 4-6 p.m.—H:E. Lady Blake "At Home," at Government House.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd. Jardine's Bazaar, East Point, at P.W.D. offices.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

German (Karlsruhe) to-morrow. Indian (Catherine Apeur) 30th inst. Australian (Tsinan) 31st inst. French (Salusie) 31st-inst. American (Onsang) and prox. American (Coptic) toth prox. American (America Maru) 18th-pfox. Tacoma (*Tacona*) 18th prox.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamer Tientsin le Singapore for this port on the 27th, inst. at

The N. P. S. S. Co.'s steamer Abergeliti sailed from Portland Oregon for Japan and Hongkong on the 26th inst.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s R.M.S Empress of Japan arrived at Kobe at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday the 27th inst. and left 3.30 p.m. same day for Yokohama, where she is due to arrive at 2 p.m. on Thursday the 28t (to-day).

HONGKONG AND WIJAMPOA DOCK RETURNS Isla de Cuba at Kowloon Haiching Isla de Luzon Simla..... H.I.G.M.S. Hertha... H.M.S. Undaunted Kung Ping Triumph Powan D. Juan & Austria ... , Cosmopolitan Menmuir

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Outward - 1st December - Salatie. December - Benvoirlich: 8th December-Glengarry, Kegulus, Wakasa Maru, Yawariwa 12th December-Mornen, Westphalia, Stentor. 15th December-Kherson. 19th. December-Canton, Hyson, Langbank, Sachsen, Acolus, Burdon, Cathay. 22nd December-Babelsberg, Kanagawa Maru.

Homeward - 22nd December - Posgidon,

Shipping.

Dec, Haiphong 35th. Dec. General. lebsen & Co. General.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

Dec., General -A. R. Marty

KASHING, British steamer, 1, 158, K. Hopkins 27th Dec; - Gunton 27th Dec. General. Butterfield & Swire. HAIMUN, British steamer, 630, A. E. Horigins,

28th Dec. - Swatow 27th Dec. Coneral -Douglas, Lapraik & Co. KWONGSANG, British steamer, 989; W. S. Stalker, '28th Dec,-Wuhu and Chinklang 23rd Dec., General,-Jardine, Matheson &:

CLAM, British steamer, 2,412, Evans, 28th Dec.,-Moorossiets 17th Nov., and Singapore 21st Dec., Kerosine,-Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

Sobajima, 28th Dec.,-Amoy and Swatow 37th Dec. General, Mitsui Bussan TAISHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,216, Klopfer, 28th Dec.,-Canton 27th Dec., General.-C. M.

S. N. Co. LYEEMOON, German steamer, 1,238, G. Hellers mann, 28th Dec. Canton 27th Dec. General.—Siemssen & Co. HSINCHI, Chinese steamer, 1,063, Patterson,

28th Dec, - Canton 28th Dec., General -w. M. S. N. Co. KYOTO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,640, T. Sakurai, 28th Dcc., -Moji 22nd Dec., Coal. -Dodwell & Co.

Clearances at the Harbour Office. Pak Kong, British str., for Canton. Tientsin, British str., for Bangkok. Trocas, British str., for Shanghai. Menelaus, British str., for Shanghai. Tsurugisan Maru, Jap str., for Kutchinottu. Deuteros, :German str, for Saigon. Stam, British str., for Singapore.

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Dec. 28, Woosung, British str., for Shanghai. Dec. 28. Taifu, German str., for Salgon. Dec. 28, Hansa, German cruiser, for Singapore. Dec. 28, Suma, Japanese criuser, for Japan; Dec. 28, Bengloe, British str., for Nagasaki.

Dec. 28, Kroongsang, British stra for Canton,

Passengers-Arrived Per Clara, from Haiphong-15 Chinese. Per Thales; from Coast Ports-Messrs. Schlee and Kolata, and 29 Chinese. Per Haimun, from Swatow-Miss Pacton. Messrs. Kircher, Leung Yang, and 340 Chinese.

Departed. Per Esmeralda, for Manila-Messrs. Estinghausen, T. T. Windsor, Mrs. Sears, Mrs. Batton, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Enochs, Mrs. Cralle, Mrs. C. H. Marple, Mrs. Hallwood, Messrs. W.-H. Howe, A. E. Castle, Mrs. E. A. Stuart, Mrs. C. S. Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Noya, Messrs. A. L. Wetmore, R. E. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Lambert, Mrs. A. R. Kerwin and infant, Miss Smith, Dr. Robt Locke, Chinese.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

Names.	From.	Dite,
Karlsruhe	Singapore	To-morros
City of Dublin	Ianan	To-morroy
Catherine Apcar	Singapore	Dec. 30th
Merionethshire		
Salazie		
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Tientsin	Singapore	lant and
Coptic	San Francisco	Jan. toth
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Tacoma	Tacoma	Jan. 18th

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Gaelic San Francisco, &c. Feb. 13th Haimun.....Amoy & Tamsui. Dec. 30th Hamburg Straits, &c. May 16th; Holsatia Havre, &c., Feb. 10th Hongkong Maru San Francisco, &c. Feb. 22nd Inaba Maru Marscilles, &c Jan. 14th Indravelli New York Kansu Samarang, &c.... Jan. 17th Karlsruhe Straits, &c. Jan. 24th König Albert ... Straits, &c. April 4th Kumsang Singapore, &c.,... Jan 4th. Lightning Singapore, &c Dec 30th Nippon Maru ... San Francisco, &c. Jan. 3rd Oldenburg Straits, &c. Feb atst

Preussen Straits, &c.

Strathgyle San Diego, &c. ...

Stuttgart Straits, &c.

ValettaShangbai

Welmar Straits, &c.

Sachsen Straits, &c. Feb. 7th

Saint Irene Victoria, B.C. Jan. 6th

Tamsui Maru ... Swatow, &c...... Jan. 2nd

Taiyuan Sydney, &c..... Jan. 15th

Trocas Marseilles, &c. Jan. 17th

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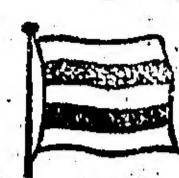
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Thursday, 22nd, Feb.,

1900, at Noon.

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THE COAL- INDUSTRY IN CHOTA NAGPUR.

IMMENSE MINERAL RESOURCES.

The following interesting particulars in connection with the steadily increasing importance of the coal mining industry in the Chota Nagpur Division are given in the Annual Report of the Commissioner; "Coal mining," he writes, "is at present confined to the subdivisions of Giridh and Gobindpur, in the Hazaribagh and Manbhum districts, respectively, as these are the only parts of the division where the coal measures are accessible by rail But with the opening of the Daltonganj-Barcon Railway, on which work is now in progress, the Palamad coal-fields will become available for use; while the projected line up the Damuda valley, the necessity for which has so often been pressed upon Government by the local officers and the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, would throw open the resources of the valuable Kamakuru coal measures and of other parts of the interior of the division which are now inaccessible. In this connection I would draw attention to the great activity apparent at present in developing the coal industry in this part of the country. During the past year, with the sanction of the Board of Revenue, I have granted two important coaling concessions in the Pachete Encumbered Estate in Manbhum to the Equitable Coal Company, Limited, and another, comprising the coalfields in the Katras Estate, in the same district, to two new Companies, viz, the Nawaghar Coal Company and the Lutchepur Coal Company, lately formed for the purpose by Messrs. Bird and Company, of Calcutta, Another application by the Bengal Coal Company for the grant of the coal-mining rights in thirtyfive other villages in the Manbhum district has since been filed, and I may mention as a noticeable fact that this concession is only asked for in prospect of the part of the country where these villages are situated being opened up by a railway, and one stipulation made is that the annual payment of the minimum rate of royalty to be fixed under the lease is to be deferred until the coal-fields have in this manner been rendered accessible. Many other similar cases may be cited to show the desirability of opening up the interior of the Chota Nagpur Division, by improved means of communication, with a view to the proper development of its immense mineral resources.—Advocate of India.

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Hongkong, 11th November, 1899. ... [15394

Consignees.

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ONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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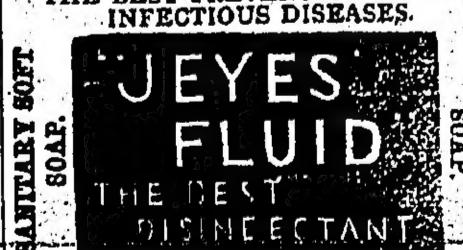
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Consultation free. Hongkong, 2rth September, 1898. [43]	North China Ins. Co.,	FUTAMI MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,381, J. Thom, 26th Dec.,—Nagasaki 22nd Dec.,
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Bailey, Mr. R. H. Maslovsky, Mr. W. v.	China & Manila S.S. Co., Ld	KANSII, British steamer, 1,158, A. Sommerville, 26th Dec.,Canton 26th Dec., General
Hall, Mr. T. A. McGill, Mr. W. E.	Douglas Steamship & 50 \$53 sellers	Butterfield & Swire. KATSUYAMA MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,069,
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Beatty, Mr. D. Mines, Mr. A. Beecher, Mr. C. M. Moall, Mrs.	Ca, Ld.—(O'ary) £ 10 £9 buyers	KEONG WAI, British steamer, 1,115, T. W. Groves, 27th Dec.,—Bangkok 18th Dec.,
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Mrs. A. H. Patton, Mrs. and Miss	Refineries.	Mails and General.—Melchers & Co. Kumsano, British steamer, 2,078, G. Payne,
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Carter, Mr. H. B. Richardson, Mr. and Clark, Dr. and Mrs. F. Mrs. C. E.	Mining. Punjom Mining Co.,	LIGHTNING, British steamer, 2,122, S. H. Belson, 18th Dec.,—Calcutta 29th Nov.,
Cranston, Mr. G. Scott Richardson, Miss Cullen, Dr. G. J. Richardson, Mr. G. E.	Ld \$ 6 \$7\frac{1}{2}	Penang 7th Dec., and Singapore 11th, General.—David, Sassoon Sons & Co.
Cunliffe, Miss Robins, Mr. S. J. Dawson, Com. Pudsey Rolph, Mr. R. T.	ference Shares \$ 1 \$1.30 Société Française des	MACHEW, British steamer, '995, J. E. Farrell, 23rd Dec.,—Bangkok 16th Dec., General.
Denroche, Mr. P. C. Schlee, Mr. H. Dickie, Mr. R. Schlesinger, Mr.	Charbonniges du Fcs. 250 \$320	Butterfield & Swire. MAUSANG, Reitish steamer, 1,125, J. Kynock,
Donald, Mr. P. D. Simmins, Mr. H Doyle, Mrs. Slight, Mr. W. H.	Jelebu Mining and	26th Dec.,—Hongay 24th Dec., Coals.— Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Drum, Miss Smythe, Mr. A. J. Duckerts, Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton	Trading Co., Ld \$ 5 \$121 buyers Raub A'lian Gold	MENELAUS, British steamer, 3,006, W. Towell, 27th Dec.,—Singapore 21st Dec., General.
Fuckel, Mr. W. Souberbill, Mr. & valet Funge, Mr. W. W. Sweeting, Mr. H. S.	Mining Co., 1.d 15s. rod 8611 buyers Olivers Freehold	-Butterfield & Swire. MENMUIR, British steamer, 1,980, S. J. George,
Gearin, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. B. Gearin, Mrs. and Miss Tormie, Mr. J.	Mines, I.d S 5 S9 Olivers Frechold Mines, Ld S 41 36 buyers	6th Dec.,—Sourabaya and Cheribon 25th Nov., Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Gibson, Mr. & Mrs. K. Trigabal, Mr. Goddard, Capt. Griffin, Major and Mrs. Vaughan, Mr. H. S.	Great Eastern & Cale- donian Gold Min-	NIPPON MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,302, J. F. Allen, 24th Dec.,—San Francisco 25th
Groves, Mrs. Vickers, Mr. C. Hall, Mr. R. J. Waghorn, Mr. G.	ing Co., Ltl	Nov., via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai 22nd Dec., Mails
Harford, Capt. Waid, Mr. C. H.	Dooks, Wharves and Godowns.	and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co. PATROCLUS, Brilish steamer, 3,548, E. G.
H. H. Walling, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Mr. F. B. T. and child	Hongkong & Wham- poa Dock Co., Ld. \$125 525 % sales and	Dickens, 25th Dec.,—Shanghai via Amoy 22nd Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire. Phra Chom Klao, British steamer, 1,011, J.
Howard, Mr. T. Whiley, Mr. & Mrs. W. Vhiley, Miss	Hongkong and Kow- [buyers loon Wharf & Go-	Fowler, 18th Dec.,—Bangkok oth Dec., and Anghin 11th, Rice.—Yuen Fat-Hong.
Jeffreys, Major & Mrs. Whitlow, Mr. and Mrs. Yoseph, Mr. and Mrs. A. W.	down Co., Ld \$ 50 \$87 sellers Wanchai Warehouse & Storage Co., Ld. \$ 371 \$45 buyers	SABINE RICKMERS, British steamer, 690, J. R. Nasbet, R.N.R., 15th Dec.,—Foochow and
Ratsch, Mr. E. A. Wild, Mr. and Mrs. Kinghorn, Mr. Bagnall	New Amoy Dock Co \$ 571\$43 bayons Ld	Amoy 13th Dec., General.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Kirkwood, Mr. J. Worneld, Mr. and Mrs. Leggatt, Mr. E. A. Young, Mr. A. L.	Lands, Hotels and Buildings.	SANDAKAN, German steamer, 1,374, E. Muhle, 24th Dec.,—Sandakan 19th Dsc., Timber.
Levy, Mr. L. A. Zuniga, Mr. J. M. de	China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ld. \$ 10 \$9.35	—Melchers & Co. SIAM, British steamer, 992, H. N. Holton,
VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE PEAK HOTEL.	Hongkong Land In- vestment & Agency	21st Dec.,—Bangkok 13th Dec., and Ang Hin 13th Dec., Rice and General.—Bradley
Berndosque, Mr. Louis Lee, Mr. J. E.	Co., Ld	& Co. Sishan, British steamer, 845, A. Jones, 26th
Brayne, Mr. H. F. R. Longuet, Mr. and Mrs.	West Point Building Co., Ld \$ 50 \$34 buyers	Dec.,—Saigna Sist Dec., Rice.—Bradley & Co.
Clarke, Capt. and Mrs. Martin, Mr. R. A. C. Mitchell, Mr. R. Corback, Capt. Van O'Gorman, LtCol. The	Hongkong Hotel Co.,	SOCOTRA, British steamer, 3,896, Thos. H. Hide, R.N.R., 27th Dec.,—Kobe 19th
Dann, Mr. G. H. O'Gorman, Madame	Humphrey's Estate & S 10 \$9 sellers	Dec., General.—P. & O. S. N. Co. TAIWAN, British steamer, 1,109, Harder, 25th
Dow. Mr. P. Pollock, Hon. H. E.	Cotton Mills.	Dec.,—Chinkiang 21st Dec., General, Butterfield & Swire.
Risdale, Colonel H. Pynne, Capt. Ezekiel, Mr. J. S. Rumsey, Comdr. R. M. Forbes, Mr. A. Sinclair, Mr. A.	Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ld \$100 \$58	TAKSANG, British steamer, 977, Albert Smith, 26th Dec.,—Bangkok 20th Dec., Rice.— Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Fraser, LtCol. A. R. Smith, Mrs. Albert Gompertz, Mr. H. H. Smith, Mr. A. Findlay	Ewo Cotton Spinning & W. Co., Ld Tis. 100 Tis. 55	TRIUMPH, German steamer, 575, A. Rieke, 6th Dec.,—Haiphong and Hoihow 5th
Gorges, Colonel E. H. Stokes, Mr. A. G. Gros: Mr. Edward F. Stokes, Mr. A. P.	M'fg. Co., Ld.,	Dec., General.—Jebsen & Co. TROCAS, British steamer, 2,549, Moses, 25th
Hallifax, Mr. and Mrs. Thomson, Mr. O. D. Wardwell, Misses (2)	Laou-kung-mow Cot-	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Helm, Mr. H. L. Wardwell, Miss R. Werner, Mr. E. T. C.	Soy Chee Cotton Spin-	Tsurugisan Manu, Japanese steamer, 2,560 J. Narasaki, 26th Dec.,Kuchinotzu 21st
John, Major G. R. St. Wheeler, Mr. G. H. Kofod, Capt.	ning Co., Ld Tis. 500 Tis. 375 YahloongCottonSpin-	Dec., Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
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Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	5 United Asbestos	and Rio Janeiro 11th July, Kerosine, Standard Oil Co.
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OPIUM QUOTATIONS.	Ld	HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS ON THE CHINA STATION.
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	DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,001, E. Peter- sen, 20th Dec.,—Saigon 16th Dec., Rice.— Siemssen & Co.	H
-	EMPRESS OF CHINA, British steamer, 3,003, R. Archibald, R.N.R., 27th Dec. Vancouver,	H
	B.C. 4th Dec., and Shanghai 24th, Mails and General.—C. P. R. Co. FUSHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,504, W. H.	H
÷	Lunt, 25th Dec.,—Shanghai 22nd Dec., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.	L:
	FUTAMI MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,381, J. Thom, 26th Dec.,—Nagasaki 22nd Dec., General.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	•
	HAILAN, French steamer, 377, W. Bast, 27th Dec.,—Pakhoi and Hoihow 26th Dec.,	P
3	General.—A. R. Marty. HATING, French str., 705, M. Jenssen, 26th Dec.,—Haiphong 24th Dec., General.—	P
	A. R. Marty. HINSANO, British steamer, 1,248, M. Crockett,	P
	26th Dec.,—Moji 21st Dec., Coais.— Jardine, Matheson & Co. Hiroshima Maru, Japanese steamer, 2,035,	P
	S. Yoshizawa, 24th Dec.,—Moji 19th Dec., General,—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	R
	HITACHI MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,826, R. Tod, 25th Dec.,—Singapow. 20th Dec., General.—Nimpon Yusen Kaisha.	S
1431	KANSII, Unitish steamer, 1,158, A. Sommerville, 26th Dec.,Canton 26th Dec., General Butterfield & Swire.	5
rs .	KATSUYAMA MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,069, H. S. Yamada, 26th Dec.,—Chefoo 21st Dec., General.—Young Tai Loong.	7
	KEONG WAI, British steamer, 1,115, T. W. Groves, 27th Dec.,—Bangkok 18th Dec., Rice, Timber and General.—Yuen Fat	U
	Hong. König Albert, German steamer, 10,600, O.	V
	Cüppers, 13th Dec.,—Yokohama 4th Dec., Mails and General.—Melchers & Co. Kumsano, British steamer, 2,078, G. Payne,	И
,	22nd Dec.,—Singapore 16th Dec., General. —Jardine, Matheson & Co. LEANDER, Norwegian Steamer, 1,752, Olsen,	u u
	25th Dec.,—Cardiff 4th Nov., Coal.— Dodwell & Co., Ld.	I.
1	LIGHTNING, British steamer, 2,122, S. H. Belson, 18th Dec.,—Calcutta 29th Nov., Penang 7th Dec., and Singapore 11th,	V
	General.—David, Sassoon Sons & Co. MACHEW, British steamer, 995, J. E. Farrell, 23rd Dec.,—Bangkok 16th Dec., General.	I.
	-Butterfield & Swire. MAUSANG, Testish steamer, 1,125, J. Kynock, 26th Dec.,—Hongay 24th Dec., Coals.—	3
s .	Jardine, Matheson & Co. MENELAUS, British steamer, 3,006, W. Towell,	,
rs	27th Dec.,—Singapore 21st Dec., General. —Butterfield & Swire. MENMUIR, British steamer, 1,980, S. J. George,	1
18	6th Dec.,—Sourabaya and Cheribon 25th Nov., Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co. NIPPON MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,302, J. F.	
	Nov., via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe,	E
,	Nagasaki and Shanghai 22nd Dec., Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co. PATROCLUS, Brilish steamer, 3,548, E. G.	
s and uyers	Dickens, 25th Dec.,—Shanghai via Amoy 22nd Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire. Phra Chom Klao, British steamer, 1,011, J.	1
	Fowler, 18th Dec.,—Bangkok 9th Dec., and Anghin 11th, Rice.—Yuen Fat-Hong. Sabine Rickmers, British steamer, 690, J. R.	1
5	Nasbet, R.N.R., 15th Dec.,—Foochow and Amoy 13th Dec., General.—Arnhold, Kar- berg & Co.	. 1 4
	SANDAKAN, German steamer, 1,374, E. Muhle, 24th Dec.,—Sandakan 19th Dsc., Timber.	
	—Melchers & Co. SIAM, British steamer, 992, H. N. Holton, 21st Dec.,—Bangkok 13th Dec., and Ang	
	Hin 13th Dec., Rice and General.—Bradley & Co. SISHAN, British steamer, 845, A. Jones, 26th	ď
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rs	Hide, R.N.R., 27th Dec.,—Kobe 19th Dec., General.—P. & O. S. N. Co. TAIWAN, British steamer, 1,109, Harder, 25th	1
7	Dec.,—Chinkiang 21st Dec., General, Butterfield & Swire. TAKSANG, British steamer, 977, Albert Smith	٠ ١
	26th Dec.,—Bangkok 20th Dec., Rice.— Jardine, Matheson & Co.	- '
	TRIUMPH, German steamer, 575, A. Rieke 6th Dec.,—Haiphong and Hoihow 5th Dec., General.—Jebsen & Co.	1
٠,,	TROCAS, British steamer, 2,549, Moses, 25th Dec.,—Singapore 17th Dec., Kerosine.— Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	-
	Tsurugisan Maru, Japanese steamer, 2,560 J. Narasaki, 26th Dec.,Kuchinotzu 21s Dec., CoalMitsui Bussan Kaisha.	21
	Sailing Vessels.	
ens	ADOLPH OBRIC, American bark, 1,302, Arms bury, 17th Oct.,—New York 5th May, Cas Oil.—Standard Oil-Co.	٥
s and	JOHN McDonald, American ship, 2,128, Sterr 25th Nov.,—New York 25th June, Oil.— Standard Oil Co.	7
J.	MARY L. CUSHING, American bark, 1,540 Pendleton, 1st Oct.,—New York 16th May Case Oil.—Order.	2 , 1
	REUCE, American ship, 1,828, D. Whitmore 3rd Oct.,—New York 30th May, Case Oi —Standard Oil Co,	î,
érs'	Simla, British 4-masted bark, 2,087, Huesti	s, Is
rs	22nd Aug., Ballast.—Order. STATE OF MAINE, American ship, 1,50 Colcord, 9th Oct.,—New York 20th Ma	o, yı
ers ív.	Kerosine Oil.—Standard Oil Co. TRAFALGAR, British 4-masted bark, 1,616, A S. Wright, 26th Dec.,—Hongay 15th Dec	1.
tv.	Ballast.—Sander, Wieler & Co. VALE OF DOON, British bark, 669, J. Peterso 11th Dec.,—Rajang, Sarawak, N.B. 15	n,
18	WARATAH, British schooner, 25, Haynes, 23, Sept.,—Takow 15th Sept., Ballast.—Mr.	rd
ŋal	W. Hall. WM, H. CONNER, American ship, 1,424, J. Erskine, 14th Oct.,—New York, 7th Ma	r.
* **	and Rio Janeiro 11th July, Kerosine, Standard Oil Co.	183
	HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS ON THE CHINA STATION.	1
	Hongkong, December 28th, 1899.	
YITS,	Alacrity, despatch-vessel, 1,725 tons, 10 6-1 g.f. guns, 3,000 i.h.p., Commander A. Smith-Dorrien, Singapore.	id.
	Algerine, sloop, 1,050 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 i.h. Comdr. E. J. W. Slade, Hongkong.	p.,
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BENLOMOND, British steamer, 1,752, McInton, 25th Dec., -Moji 20th Dec., Coals, Gibb, Endymion, British cruiser, 7,350 tons, Capt. G. A. Callaghan, Wei-hai-wei. Esk, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, BORMIDA, Italian steamer, 1,499 G. Sartorio, 200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. Chadwick, 21st Dec.,-Bombay 2nd Dec., and Singapore 14th, General.—Carlowitz & Co. Fame, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 CHEANG CHEW, British steamer, 1,215, Fred. tons, 5,400 i.h.p., Lieut.-Com. W. J. Keyes, Webb, 23th Dec., - Penang via Singapore DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,001, E. Peter-220 h.p., 16 knots. gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.

tons, 26 guns, 13,500 i.h.p., Capt. de Firebrand, 3rd class gunboat, 455 tons, 4 guns, Marolles, at Saigon. 360 i.h.p., Hongkong. Handy, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., Hongkong. Yart, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 . Kwang-chow-wan. tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., Hongkong. Tumber, storeship, 1,640 tons, 800 i.h.p., Com. H. J. Davison, Hongkong. phigenia, and class cruiser, 3,600 tons, 8 guns, 7,000 i.h.p., Capt. H. N. Dudding, Hongkong. guns, 2,200 i.h.p., Capt. de la Motte du innel, gun-vessel, 756 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 870 i.h.p., Commander W. W. Portail, at Saigon. Smythe, Wuchow. Orlando, British cruiser, 5,600 tons, Capt. J. H. Burke, Hongkong. Peacock, 1st class gunboat, 775 tons, 6 guns, Kwang-chau-wan. 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. S. G. Douglas, Hongkong. Capt. Mornet, at Saigon. Phanix, British gunboat, 1,015 tons, Comdr. Cochran, Hongkong. Figmy, 1st class gunboat, 755 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. J. F. E. Green, Wei-hai-wei. Plover, 1st class, gunboat, 453 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. U. V. de M. Cowper, Manila. en route Singapore. Cedpole, British granboat, 805 tons, Capt. F. F Haworth Booth, Shaughai. Usedom, at Hongkong. Sandpiper, British river-gunboat, 2 guns, Lt.-Comdr. Carr, on the West River. Swift, gun-vessel, 756 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4-6-pounders, 870 i.h.p., Flongkong. Tamar, receiving ship, 4,500 tons; Comdr. Powell, Hongkong. at Shanghai. Tweed, const defence gunboat, 363 tons, guns, 200 i.h.p., Lieut, Comdr. H. E. Hillman, on the West River. Shanghai. Undaunted, 1st class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 12 guns, 8,500 i.h.p., Capt. A. C. Clarke, Hongkong. Victorious, British battleship, 14,900 tons, 32 guns, 12,000 i.h.p., Captain A. Schomberg, Wei-hai-wei. Waterwitch, surveying vessel, 620 tons, Consmander W. P. Dawson, Hongkong. Whiting, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer 365 tons, 6,000 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. E Kelly, Hongkong. Wivern, coast defence ship, 2,750 tons, 4 guns 1,000 i.h.p., Hongkong. Woodcock, British gunboat, 2 guns, 560 h.p., Licut. Comdr. Walson, on the Yangtsze. Woodlark, British gunboat, 2 guns, 550 h.p., Lt. Comdr. R. A. Norton, on the Yangtsze. Briggs, at Manila. Torpedo-boats in Reserve Nos. 8 and 20, 35, 36, 37 and 38, first-class; and 3 second-class Miscellancous. Liberal, Portuguese gunboat, 588 tons, Comdr. Cunha, Hongkong.

Presidento Sarmineto, Argentine cruiser, 2,850 tons, Capt. Betbeder, Manila. FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA

AND JAPAN STATION.

The Russian Squadron.

Admiral Korniloff, Russian armoured cruiser, 5,000 tons twin screw, 36 guns, 9,500 h.p., Captain Jakovleff, at Nagasaki. Alcout, Russian gunboat, 810 tons, 8 guns, 1,200

h.p., Captain Elkisky, at Nagasaki. Bobre, Russian gun-vessel, twin screw, 950 tons, 13 guns, 1,150 h.p., Captain Dobrovolsky, at Nagasaki. Dimitri Donskoy, Russian armoured cruiser, 5,893 tons, twin screw, 34 guns, 7,000 h.p.,

Comdr. Sharon, at Nagasaki. Gaidamak, Russian gunboat, 400 tons, twin screw, 18 guns, 3,500 h.p., Capt. Serebrennikff, at Nagasaki.

Gremiastchy, Russian armoured cruiser, 1,492 tons, twin screw 12 guns, 2,000 h.p., Capt. Miklashevsky, at Nagasaki. Koreyetz, Russian cruiser, 1,200 tons, 9 guns,

2,150 h.p., Capt. Sillmann, at Nagasaki. Mandjour, Russian cruiser, 1,213 tons, twin screw, 14 guns, 1,500 h.p., Capt. Yakoveff, at Nagasaki. Navarin, Russian battleship, 10,000 tons, 10

guns, 9,000 h.p. Captain Yenish, at Naga-Nayesdnik, Russian cruiser, 1,334 tons, 14 guns, 1,800 h.p., Capt. Zarine, at Nagasaki. Otvarny, Russian armoured cruiser, 1,490 tons,

twin screw, 12 guns, 2,000 h.p., Captain Coprianoff, at Nagasaki Pamiai Azova,* Russian cruiser, 6,000 tons, 35 guns, 8,000 h.p., Captain Nidermiller, en

route Hongkong. Rossia, Russian armourd cruiser, 12,200 tons, 22 guns, 14,500 h.p., Capt. Domojiroff, at

Vladivostock. Rurik, 1 Russian flagship, 10,940 tons, armoured twin screw cruiser, 1st class, 48 guns, 13,500 h.p., Capt. Haupt, at Port Arthur. Stlatch, Russian gunbont, 4 guns, 1,200 h.p.,

Capt. Barronoff, at Nagasaki. Sissoi Veliky, Russian battleship, 10,000 tons, 14 guns, 8,500 i.h.p, Capt. Mollas, at Naga-Sivoutch, Russian gunboat, 950 tons, twin

screw 13 guns, 1,200 h.p., Capt. Soubatin, at Nagasaki. Vladimir Monomach, Russian cruiser, 6,000 tons, 16 guns, Prince Ouchtomsky, at Che-

Vostock, Russian torpedo gunboat, 4 guns, 650 h.p., Com. Molchousky, at Nagasaki. Vsadnik, Russian torpedo boat, 400 tons, 18 guns, twin screw, 1,500 h.p., Capt. Rogulia, at Nagasaki. Zabiaka, Russian cruiser, 1,230 tons, 20 guns,

2,000 h.p., Capt. Shkruff, at Nagasaki. (1st and 2nd class.) .. Forel, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, I gun,

Janichichi, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, . 4 guns, 970 h.p., 19 knots. Nargen, Russian torpedo boat, 85 tons 4 guns, 1,200 h.p., 22 knots. Novorossisk, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns, 2,900 h.p., 22 knots. Podorosnik, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1

h.p., 16 knots. Skorpion, Russian torpedo hoat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots. Sootchina, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns,

970 h.p., 19 knots. Stirlaid, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, I. gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots. Strauss; Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots. guns, 1,800 H.p., 22 knots,

RUSSIAN TORPEDO FLOTILLA (SEA GOING.)

Borgo, 1st class, Russian torpedo boat, 81 tons, guns, a torp tubes 1,100 h.p., speed 21 Colville, C.B. Mongkong.

Bonaventure, and class cruiser, 4,360 tons, 18

guns, and ih.p., Capt. R. H. J. Montguns, and ih.p., Capt. R. H. J. Montguns, and ih.p., Shanghai. Revel, 1st class, Russian torpedo boat, 96 tons 3 guns, 2 torp tubes 780 h.p., speed 22 knots. Sweadorg, 1st class, Russian torpedo boat, 69 tons, 3 guns, a torp tubes 780 h.p., speed

19.7 knots. Ussuri; Russian torpedo boat, 140 tons, 4 guns, 1.800 h.p., 22 knots.

Flagship of Vice-Admiral Alexcieff. * Flagship of Rear-Admiral F. V. Dubossoff. † Flagship of Rear Admiral Recunoff.

THE FRENCH SQUADRON. Bengali, 2nd class dispatch-boat, Lt.-Comdr. De La Croix de Castries, at Haiphong. D'Entrecasteaux, * 1st class cruiser, 8,114

Descartes, and class protected cruiser, 4,000 tons, 36 gups 631 i.h.p., Captain Philibert, Eure, Dispatch-transport, Capt. Vallee, at

Jean Bart, 1st class cruiser, 4,500 tons, 10 guns, 8,000 i.h.p.; Capt. Aubin, at Kwang-chau-Kersaint, 3rd class cruiser, 1,243 tons,

Lion, gunboat, 473 tons, 8 guns, 576 h.p., Capt. Amet, en route Kwang-chau-wan. Pascal, and class protected cruiser, 4,000 tons, 36 guns, 9,000 i.h.p., Capt., M. Motet, at

Surprise, gunbout, 627 tons; to guns, 860 i.h.p., * Flagship of Vice-Admiral Courrejolles.

THE GERMAN SQUADRON. Gefion, German cruiser, 4,200 tons, 25 guns,

Hertha, German cruiser, 6,000 tons, Capt. S. v.

Illis, German gunbout, to guns, 1,600 h.p., Captain II. li. Lans, on the Tsingtau. keene, German cruiser, 4,400 tons, 22 guns, 6,000 h.p., Capt. Obenteimer, at Nagasaki. Jaguar, German cruiser, Captain Kinderling,

Kaiserin Augusta, German cruiser, 6,000 tons, 12 guns, 13,040 i.h.p., Captain Gulich, at

* Flagship of Admiral Fritze.

THE AMERICAN SQUADRON. Bennington, U.S. gunboat, 1,710 tons, 6 guns, 3,436 h.p., Com. C. H. Arnold, at Manila.

Callao, U.S. gunboat, 137 tons, 1 gun, 55 h.p., Lieut, Benjamin Tappan, at Manila, Castine, U.S. gunboat, 1,177 tons, 8 guns, 2,199 h.p., Comdr. S. W. Very, at Manila. Celtic, U.S. supply-ship, 6,428 tons, 1,890 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. N. J. K. Patch, at Manila.

Concord, U.S. gunboat, 1,700 tons, 6 guns, 3,405. h.p., Comdr. S. M. Ackley, at Manila. Culgea, U.S. supply-ship, 7,000 tons, 2,350 h.p., Comdr. J. W. Carlin, at Manila.

Glacier, U.S. supply-ship, Lieut. Comdr. J. B. Helena, U.S. gunbout, 1,397 tons, 8 guns, 1,998 h.p., Coundr. E. K. Moore, at Manila.

Iris, U.S. distilling-ship, 6,100 tons, 1,300 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. W. H. Everett, at Manila. Manila, U.S. gunboat, 1,057 tons, 2 guns, 750 h.p., Lieut.-Comar. A. P. Nazro, at Manila. Monadnock, U.S. double-turret monitor, 3,990 tons, 6 guns, 3,000 h.p., Condr. John McGowan, at Manila.

Monocacy, U.S. gunbont, 1,370 tons, 6 guns, 850 h.p., Com. G. A. Bicknell, at Shanghai. Monterey, U.S. double-turret monitor, 4,084 tons, 4 guns, 5,244 h.p., Comdr. E. H. C. Leutze, at Manila. Nanshan, U.S. collier, Lieut. L. A. Kaiser,

Oregon, 1st class U.S. battleship, 10,288 tons, 16 guns, 11, 111 h.p., Capt. G. F. F. Wilde. Petrel, U.S. gunbont, 892 tons, 4 guns, 1,095 h.p., Comdr. C. C. Cornwell, at Manila.

Princeton, U.S. gunbont, 1,000 tons, 6 guns, 800 h.p., Comdr. Harry Knox, at Manila. Wheeling, U.S. gunboat, 1,000 tons, 6 guns, 1,081, h.p., Comdr. W. T. Burwell, at

Yorktown, U.S. gunboat, 1,710 tons, 6 guns, 3,392 h.p., Comdr. C. S. Sperry, at Manila. Yosentile, U.S. converted cruiser, 6,179 tons, to guns, 3,800 h.p., Capt. G. E. Ide, at

Zafiro, U.S. dispatch-vessel, Master A. M. Whitton, at Manila.

THE ITALIAN SQUADRON. Carlo Alberto, Italian cruiser, 7,000 tons, Capt. R. Call, Shanghai. Elba, Italian cruiser, 2,720 tons, Capt. Cecconi,

Etna, Italian cruiser, 3,500 tons, Capt. G. Giorello, Singapore. Liguria, Italian cruiser, 4,500 tons, Captain

Casella, Shanghai. Stromboli, Italian cruiser, 4,000 tons, 36, guns, 6,252 h.p., Capt. C. Bregante, Singapore.

JAPANESE MEN-OF-WAR.

Battleships. Vashim: 1st class, 12,460 tons, 35 guns, 14,000 h.p., at Kure. Fuji, 1st class, 12,450 tons, 38 guns, 14,000 h.p., at Yokosuka.

Chinyen, 2nd class, 7,330 tons, 22 guns, 6,200 h.p., at Yokosuka. Coast Defence Ships. Matsushima, 1st class, 4,277 tons, 25 guns, 5,400 h.p., at Sascho. Tisuskushima, 1st class, 4,277 tons, 35 guns,

5,400 h.p., at Kure. Hashidale, 1st class, 4,277 tons, 35 guns, 5,400 h.p., at Yokosuka. Kongo, 2nd class, 2,550 tons, 13 guns, 2,035 h.p.,

Hiyei, 2nd class, 2,550 tons, 13 guns, 2,035 h.p., Heiyen, and class, 2,600 tons, 15 guns, 2,400 h.p.,

at Yokosuka. Kasagi, protected cruiser, 1st class, 4,978 tons, 30 guns, 15,500 h.p., at Saseho. Chitose, protected cruiser, 1st class, 4,978 tons,

30 guns, 15,500 h.p., at Kure, Akashi, protected cruiser, 1st class, 2,800 tons, 30 guns, 8,500 h.p., at Kure. Yoshino, protected cruiser, Ist class, 4,150 tons, 32 guns, 15,000 h.p., at Kure. Naniwa, protected cruiser, 1st class, 3,709 tons,

24 guns, 7,120 h.p., at Manifa. Takachiho, protected cruiser, 1st class 3,700 tons, 24 guns, 7,120 h.p., at Keelung. Chiyoda, protected cruise, 1st class, 2,450 tons, 27 guns, 5,500 h.p., at Kure.

Takasago, protected cruiser, 1st class, 4,227 tons, 30 guns, 10,000 h.p., at Yokosuka. Akitsusu, protected cruiser, 1st class, 3,150 26 guris, 8,500 h.p., at Sascho. Strik, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 | Sunia, protected cruiser, 1st class, 2,750 tons,

Capt. Shimamura; 24. guns, 8,500 h.p., on · route Japan. Idgumi, protected cruiser, 1st class, 2,950 tons, 20 guns, 6,080 h.p., at Yokosuka. Sal-yen, protected cruiser, ist class, 2,300 tons,

15 guns, 2,800 h.p., at Yokosuka. Aktuurhima, protected cruiser, 1st class,

Miyako, and class, 1,800 tons 34 guns, 5,000 h.p. Sunguri, Russian torpedo boat, 140 tons, 4 200 2nd class, 1,764 tons 15 guns, 2,400 h.p.,

Yasyama, 3rd class 1,600 tons, 10 guns, 5,030 h.p., at Amoy. Tsubushi, 3rd class, 1380 tons, 12 guns, 2,887 h.p., at Kure.

Bloops and Corvettes.

Musashi, 1,490 tons, to guns, 1,600 h.p., at Katsuragi, 1,480 tons, to guns, 1,600 h.p., at Yamalo, 1,480 tons, 10 guns, 1,600 h.p., at

Tenriu, 1,550 tons, 10 guns, 1165 h.p., at Fusan. Kaimon, 1,360 tons, 10 guns, 1,125 h.p., at Amagi, 1,030 tons, 13 guns, 720 h.p., Yokosuka. Gun-boats:

Oshima, 640 tons, 10 guns, 1,200 h.p.; at Saseho. Akagi, 620 tons, 10 guns, 700 h.p. at Kure. Mago, 620 tons, to guns, 700 h.p., at Kobe. Maya, 620 tons, 10 guns, 700 h.p., at Kure. Chiokai, 620 tons, 10 guns, 700 h.p., at Taku. Soko, 572 tons, 4 guns, 400 h.p., at Saseho. Iwaki, 600 tons, 6 guns, 400 h.p., at Yokosuka. Chinto, 490 tons, 5 guns 472 h.p. Chinesi, 490 tons, 5 guns, 472 h.p. Chin Hoku, 490 tons, 5 guns, 472 h.p. Chin Pui, 500 tons, 9 guns, 455 h.p. Chin Chu, 500 tons, 9 guns, 455 h.p.

Torpedo-gunboat. Tatsuta, 875 tons, 6 guns, 5 torpedo tubes, 5,500 h.p., at Yokosuka.

Torpedo-boats. Murakumo, 279 tons, at Ujina. Shinonome, 279 tons, at Kure. Yugiri, 279 tons, at Takeshiki. Shiranuki, 279 tons, at Kobe." Ikadusch, torpedo-boat destroyer, 331 tons, Comdr. I. Ishida, at Yokosuka.

Kotaka, 190 tons, 6 torpedo-tubes, 1,400 h.p. Shiraniubi, torpedo-boat, 278 tons, Comdr. Kosoma, at Japan.

14 boats (Creusot), 56 tons, 2 torpedo-tubes, 9,000 h.p., Capt. Rollmann, en route Hong- 7 boats (Kobe), 56 tons, 2 torpedo-tubes, 525 Hausa, * German cruiser, 6,400 tons, Capt: Pohl, 1 boat (Normand), 75 tons, 2 torpedo-tubes, 2 boots (Schichau), 90 tons, 3 torpedo-tubes,

> boats (Yarrow), 40 tons, 3 torpedo-tubes, 10 boats (Yarrow), 40 tons, 3 torpedo-tubes,

Tokiwa, at Yokosuka. Fuso, at Kure. Naniwa, at Yokosuka. Rinjo, armoured cruiser, 2,530 tons, 10 guns, 800 h.p.

(used as gunnery traning ship.) Kanjiu, sailing-ship, 877 tons, 6 guns. (used as training ship.)' Manfin, swling-ship, 877 tons, 6 guns.

(used as training ship.) Tsukuba, wooden screw steamer, 1,989 tons, 10 guns, 520 h.p., at Edajima. (used as training ship.)

Asama, sailing corvette, 1,420 tons, 12 guns, at Yokosuka. (used as a hulk.) Jingel wooden paddle steamer, 1,465 tons, 2 small guns.

(used as torpedo training ship, RIVER STEAMERS, SCHOOLERS, AND LORCHAS.

Fatshan, British steamer, 1,425, J. Dick,-Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat

Ho-nam, British steamer, 1,377, H. D. Jones, -- Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat

Powan, British steamer, 1,873, A. N. Patřick,-Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Hankow, British steamer, 2,252, C. V. Lloyd,-Butterfield & Swire.

Hol-tong, Chinese steamer, 409 tons, Captain Austen,-Chi Wo & Co. Tai-on, British steamer, 728, Goblouski,-Tai On Steamship Co. Pak Kong, British steamer,-Kwong Wan S.S.

Kong Nam, British steamer, Chinese Owned, Hongkong and Macao.

Heungshan, British steamer, 1,055, W. E. Clarke,-Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Macao and Canton.

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Canton and West River. Lungklang, British steamor, 141, J. Lossius, -Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steam-

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